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In re application of

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For:

SINGLE CRYSTAL SIC AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AS WELL AS

SIC SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SIC COMPOSITE MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. A single crystal SiC, wherein:

the single crystal SiC is obtained by a method claimed in claim 1, and the planar defect density of a topmost surface falls within a range not higher than $10^3/\text{cm}^{-2}$.

7. A single crystal SiC, comprising:

single crystal SiC obtained by a method claimed in claim 1, and

another SiC deposited on the single crystal SiC by the vapor phase growth method or the liquid phase growth method.

10. A SiC composite material, comprising:

single crystal SiC produced by a method claimed in claim 1, and diamond or GaN formed on the single crystal SiC.

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REMARKS

Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. A single crystal SiC, wherein:

the single crystal SiC is obtained by a method claimed in any one of claims 1-through 5,

and

the planar defect density of a topmost surface falls within a range not higher than $10^3/\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$.

7. A single crystal SiC, comprising:

single crystal SiC obtained by a method claimed in any one of claims 1-through 5, and another SiC deposited on the single crystal SiC by the vapor phase growth method or the liquid phase growth method.

10. A SiC composite material, comprising: single crystal SiC produced by a method claimed in any one of claims 1-through 5, and diamond or GaN formed on the single crystal SiC.